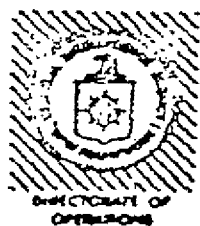


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1. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET [REDACTED] WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER. PINOCHET [REDACTED] THAT PRESIDENT CARTER DID NOT WISH TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT RATHER PREFERRED TO DISCUSS • OINTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. PINOCHET [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND THE U.S. WILL IMPROVE. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHANGE WOULD

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PROBABLY BE SLOW AND GRADUAL.

2. PINOCHET DID NOT INDICATE THAT ANY POLICY CHANGES WOULD BE MADE AS A RESULT OF HIS TALK WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. TO THE CONTRARY, HE [REDACTED] DID NOT WANT TO END THE STATE OF SIEGE IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAVE HIM OPEN TO CHARGES THAT HE WAS GIVING IN ^{TO} THE PRESSURES FROM THE U.S. [REDACTED] COMMENT:

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[REDACTED] THAT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON, PINOCHET MET WITH THE JUNTA AND COMMITTED HIMSELF TO LIFTING THE STATE OF SIEGE ON 11 DECEMBER 1977, AT WHICH TIME HE SAID IT WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE IN PREPARATION FOR OR AS A RESULT OF HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. WHILE PINOCHET PUBLICLY TOLD THE NATION DURING HIS 11 SEPTEMBER SPEECH THAT HE WOULD NOT LIFT THE STATE OF SIEGE AT THIS TIME, HE DID IN FACT REDUCE IT TO ITS LOWEST GRADE. [REDACTED]

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4. REFERRING TO OPPOSITION ELEMENTS IN CHILE, PINOCHET
[REDACTED] DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE ANY ACTION
AGAINST THE "GROUP OF TEN" LABOR LEADERS, WHO RECENTLY ISSUED
A PUBLIC STATEMENT STRONGLY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT.
● PINOCHET COMMENTED THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE THE "GROUP OF
TEN" MORE ATTENTION THAN THEY DESERVE. HE SAID THAT THEY ONLY
REPRESENT A SMALL FRACTION OF ORGANIZED LABOR, AND THAT HE
● PREFERS TO LET THEM FIGHT WITH THOSE LABOR LEADERS WHO SUPPORT
THE GOVERNMENT AND KEEP THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF OUT OF THE MATTER.
[REDACTED] COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELGRAM 7468 OF 9 SEPTEMBER
PROVIDED BACKGROUND ON THE "GROUP OF TEN'S" PUBLIC STATEMENT,
WHICH WENT BEYOND UNION RIGHTS' DEMANDS AND CALLED FOR POLITICAL
RIGHTS AS WELL.)

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